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HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL IMPROVEMENT AT COSGRAY ROAD

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The City of Hilliard is pleased to announce that the construction of an improvement of the Heritage Rail Trail crossing at Cosgray Road is scheduled to begin the week of March 30, 2015. This improvement includes realignment of the trail and installation of lighting and a pedestrian-activated flashing beacon to assist trail users in crossing Cosgray Road. Landscaping will be modified to improve sight distance for both motorists and trail users.

The purpose of this project is to improve visibility and increase the yielding of motorists to trail users, particularly during the peak hours when traffic on Cosgray Road is heavy. When activated by pushing a button, a series of intense rapidly-flashing lights are activated. These lights are similar to the strobe lights used on police vehicles and are very visible to drivers. This type of device has shown to be very effective at increasing motorists' yielding to pedestrians and bicyclists at crossings. While trail users are still required to stop before crossing Cosgray Road, the flashing lights give notice to motorists that pedestrians are present, allowing motorists time to slow down and stop so that the trail users can safely cross the street.

Construction is expected to be complete the first week of May. Cosgray Road will remain open to vehicular traffic; however, periodic short term off-peak lane closures can be expected during the construction. The Heritage Rail Trail will be closed for a maximum of seven days; during this time, trail users will be routed around the construction area in the grass. Signs will be posted on the trail to notify trail users of the closure.

More information on this project is provided on the City's website at [www.hilliardohio.gov](http://www.hilliardohio.gov).

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